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Title: Request the Government to give directions to start the construction of an International Airport at Trivandrum and start the Jumbo Jet flight services.

SHRI V.S. SIVAKUMAR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): I would like to raise a matter of importance regarding the construction of an International Airport in Trivandrum. As part of the developmental activities at Trivandrum Airport it was decided to construct a new International Terminal there. As such, the foundation stone for the new terminal was laid by the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation in May, 2000. But, so far the construction has not been started.

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Secondly, the landing facility for Jumbo Jet flights at Trivandrum Airport is also required to be provided. But, no action has been taken by the Civil Aviation Ministry so far in this regard. On the occasion of the foundation stone laying ceremony the hon. Minister announced that the landing facility will be introduced very soon. But no action has been taken so far. Therefore, I would request the Civil Aviation Ministry to give directions to start construction of the new terminal and start the Jumbo Jet flight services.

SHRI A.C. JOS (TRICHUR): We are also associating with Shri V.S. Sivakumar on this issue.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): We all want to support the issue regarding the second terminal and the Jumbo Jet landing facility.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Yes. You are allowed to associate yourselves with the issue.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): I am associating myself with the views expressed by Shri V.S. Sivakumar.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have allowed you to associate yourself with the issue.